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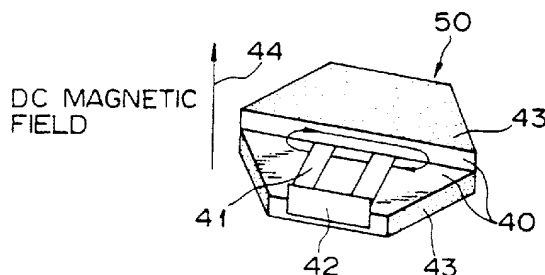
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Multi-layer microwave circulator.

A multi-layer circulator includes a circulator element (50) with inner conductors (41) having a predetermined pattern and a insulating ferromagnetic material body (40) closely surrounding the inner conductors. The insulating ferromagnetic material body is formed in a single continuous layer by firing a plurality of ferromagnetic material layers. The circulator also includes a plurality of terminal electrodes (76) formed on side surfaces of the circulator element and electrically connected to one ends of the inner conductors, a plurality of circuit elements (51a, 51b, 51c) electrically connected to the terminal electrodes, and exciting permanent magnets (52, 53) for applying a dc magnetic field to the circulator element.

Fig. 4





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